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## Autism coverage bills could reduce state employee benefits

By JON PARTON  
THE COLLEGIAN

About 1 in 88 children in the U.S. has been diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

It is now up to Kansas lawmakers to determine if insurance companies will be allowed to reduce the autism coverage for children they provide to state employees under the State Employee Health Plan, or SEHP. This includes K-State faculty and staff.

**“My son spent two years in a state facility in Kansas City. So finally, he’s back home, we’re getting the help we need, and now they want to cut it. If he loses that therapy and that support, he won’t be able to stay at home any longer.”**

CHERYL RICHT  
INSTRUCTOR IN MUSIC

Autism is a neurological disorder that can impair communication and social behavior. Severe forms of the disorder can require people to have special care for a lifetime.

Cheryl Richt, instructor in

music, said any reduction of coverage would personally affect her family.

“I have a son with autism and he is 14,” Richt said. “So under the new state employee health plan, he wouldn’t receive

anything.”

The Kansas House of Representatives received two bills related to autism coverage, House Bills 2704 and 2531. HB 2704, sponsored by the insurance industry, limits autism coverage to 520 hours of treatment per year for children nine years old and younger. It would also limit coverage to large-group plans that cover 51 or more employees sold after Jan. 1, 2015.

Richt said the state’s plan helped her family pay for treatments that allowed her son to live at home.

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## SGA hears fee increase proposals for next year

By MIKE STANTON  
THE COLLEGIAN

Roughly 24 hours after his successor was elected, Student Body President Eli Schooley took the floor of the Student Senate for his weekly director’s report. According to Schooley, senior in political science, the committee will hear fee proposals from several campus entities at their meeting Friday morning.

The Colleges of Agriculture, Architecture and Business Administration will all propose enacting or raising fees per credit hour. K-State Libraries will request a \$10 flat rate fee for all students. Of the proposals, the College of Business Administration, which will request a \$100 increase on their existing student fee of \$20 per credit hour, is the most dramatic.

“Tomorrow is the first step, when we discuss [the proposals],” Schooley said after the meeting Thursday evening. “We received a letter from the students that serve on the business Student Advisory Council and they voiced their disagreement with the \$100 an hour fee and instead say they would support a \$10 an hour fee.”

According to Schooley, allocations of student fees vary by college, but the College of Business Administration plans to use the proposed increase to enhance current faculty salaries and hire around 10 new PHD-level faculty.

Ultimately, the decision on any tuition or fee change rests in the hands of the Board of Regents. The Tuition Strategies Committee, consisting of student representatives and non-voting faculty and administrative advisors, works on recommendations to forward to President Kirk Schulz, who proposes rates to the Board of Regents to approve or deny.

“At K-State, we have a unique situation where pretty much every year since the Tuition Strategies Committee started, the president has used these recommendations for his own recommendations,” Schooley said.

Growing population mandates transportation planning

Eric Conner, senior in regional and community planning, and intern for the Flint Hills Metropolitan Planning Organization, addressed senators on the federally-mandated organization, which was founded in 2013 when Manhattan’s population reached 50,000. Flint Hills MPO is charged with developing a long-term transportation plan to accommodate growth in the region.



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## Sunset over the Flint Hills



HANNAH HUNSINGER | THE COLLEGIAN

The sun sets over the Konza Prairie on March 6. Temperatures are expected to rise into the 60s by early next week, making outdoors activities more pleasant.

## Final 'Hallows and Horcruxes Ball' Saturday

By LOGAN FALLETTI  
THE COLLEGIAN

JK Rowling wrote seven Harry Potter books. Over the years, K-State, with the help of the Harry Potter Alliance, has hosted six Hallows and Horcruxes Balls to commemorate and celebrate each of the books.

The seventh and final concert will be held Saturday from 6-11:30 p.m. in the Alumni Center. The event brings together community service, dedication to the arts and the Harry Potter books that have touched millions of lives around the world. This year, event proceeds

will go to First Book of Geary County, a nonprofit that provides books for children in need.

Performers at Hallows and Horcruxes are musicians of “wizard rock,” a genre of music inspired by the Harry Potter novels. Hallows and Horcruxes is a premiere venue for this type of music and performers, and will include Seen and Unforeseen, Justin Finch-Fletchley and the Sugar Quills, Tonks and the Aurors, Lauren Fairweather, The Whomping Willows, Ministry of Magic, Alex Carpenter, Draco and the Malfoys, and Jarrod Perkins.

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**Justin Finch-Fletchley and the Sugar Quills** perform at the Hallows and Horcruxes Ball in the Alumni Center on April 13, 2013.

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### Website poll results

Approximately 67 percent of respondents reported feeling safe on campus; 15.91 percent reported not feeling safe, while the rest “maybe” felt safe.



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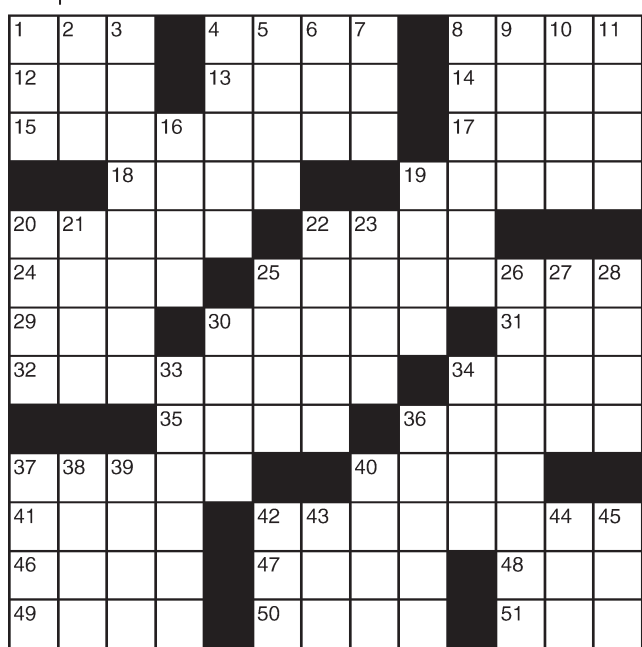
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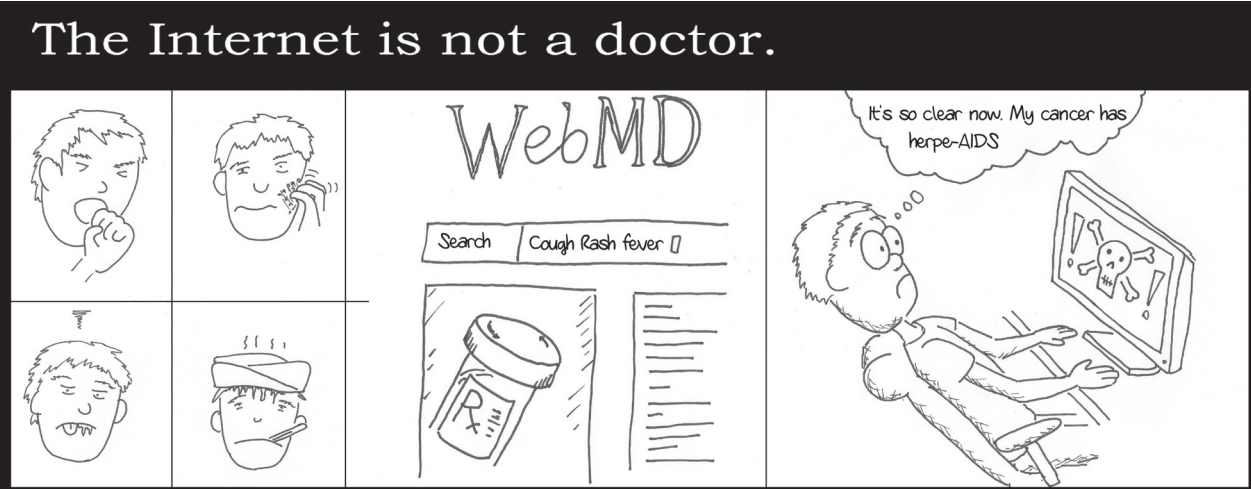
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## ARREST REPORTS

## Tuesday, March 4

**Charles Jackson Bradford Jr.**, Manhattan, was booked for identity theft. Bond was listed at \$5,000.

**Wednesday, March 5**  
**Christopher De Christoffersen**, 10th block of Cody Plaza, was booked

for aggravated battery and aggravated arson. Bond was listed at \$15,000.

**Candice Lynn Mathies**, 700 block of Thurston Street, was booked for criminal damage to property and domestic battery. Bond was listed at \$2,000.

**Austin Hayes Waters**, 500 block of N. 15th Street, was booked for un-

lawful possession of a hallucinogen and possession of paraphernalia to grow or distribute marijuana. Bond was listed at \$2,000.

**Kamal Wazir Jajri**, Ogden, Kan., was booked for fleeing or attempting to elude and driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was listed at \$15,000.

## The Weekly Planner

## Friday, March 7

**Brazil Coffee Hour**  
International Student Center,  
4-5 p.m.

**Danú**  
McCain Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

**UPC Film: "Frozen"**  
Forum Hall  
K-State Student Union, 8 p.m.

**K-State After Hours: Magician Mat Franco**  
Forum Hall  
K-State Student Union, 10:30 p.m.

## Saturday, March 8

**Hallows and Horcruxes Ball**  
K-State Alumni Center

**Tennis**  
K-State vs. Wichita State  
Body First Fitness and Tennis Center, noon

**Men's Basketball**  
K-State vs. Baylor  
Bramlage Coliseum, 12:30 p.m.

**UPC Film: "Frozen"**  
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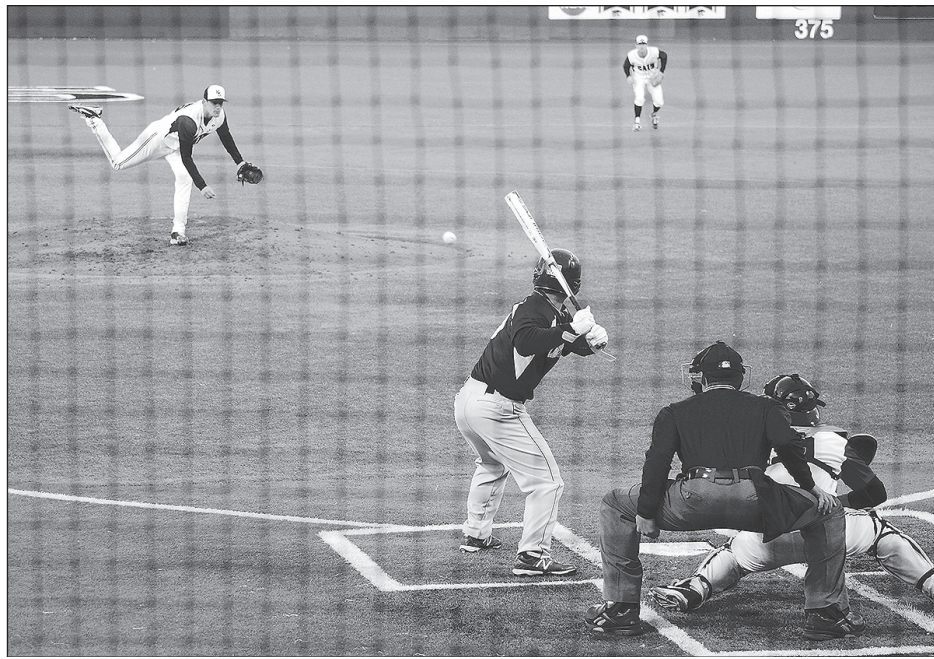
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## BASEBALL

## Wildcats set for weekend home opener



PARKER ROBB | THE COLLECIAN

K-State senior pitcher **Jake Doller** launches the ball toward home plate and a ready Northern Colorado batter during the Wildcats' game against Northern Colorado on March 12, 2013 at Tointon Family Stadium.

By SPENCER LOW  
THE COLLECIAN

While the K-State baseball team is disappointed regarding their slow start to the season, which began with five straight losses, they have nothing but confidence that this season will be a successful one.

Last weekend was supposed to be the team's home opener, but winter weather forced them south to Abilene, Tex., where they won all three games. Now sitting at 4-7, they welcome the Iowa Hawkeyes (9-1) to town for the long awaited first home series of the 2014 campaign.

"We're excited to be at home," head

coach Brad Hill said. "It looks like the weather is going to be good at least two of the three days, and I know the guys are excited to be home. Hopefully we'll play good baseball."

After a rough stretch from the offense and some pitching problems in the first couple weeks of the season, K-State saw the pieces come together last weekend as the pitching staff was exceptional and the offense was every bit as good.

"We're a work in progress, we obviously didn't play very good baseball in the first couple weeks. Now we're just trying to repair ourselves, put ourselves back together. Last week was step in the right direction, but there's still a lot of things we have to get better at and continue to do."

Senior Ross Kivett's weekend garnered him Big 12 Player of the Week awards after he

went 6-for-12 in three games, including three hits on Sunday. He was especially effective with runners in scoring position, batting 4-for-5. Kivett also started in center field for the first time in his Wildcat career after serving as the team's primary second baseman for the past three seasons. Last year's Big 12 player of the year is expected to play in center again this weekend.

This season has also seen K-State's three starting pitchers step up big, especially in last weekend's wins. Senior Jared Moore and sophomores Levi MaVorhis and Landon Busch combined for a 2.70 ERA last weekend, while all pitched at least seven innings.

"They were around the [strike] zone, they competed. I thought Moore competed well, Levi made a couple of in-game adjustments, and Busch was really outstanding. He really had his game together," Hill said of his starters. "We haven't had three starts like that in a weekend in a long time."

MaVorhis is expected to start the home opener today, one week after striking out eight in 7.1 innings, while Moore will likely throw tomorrow. The lefty has stepped up big as the only senior on the pitching staff and is handling the transition from the bullpen to the rotation exceptionally. Sunday's starter could likely be Busch, who tossed a complete game last weekend.

Iowa has enjoyed a good start to the season, thanks to a soaring offense and stellar starting pitching so far. The three starters K-State can expect to see on the mound this weekend all have ERAs below three: Calvin Matthews (2.12), Tyler Peyton (2.70), and Andrew Hedrick (2.87).

Shortstop Jake Yacinich leads the team with a .412 average at the plate, while Jake Mangler is not far behind, hitting .405 and playing next to Yacinich at second base. As a team, the Hawkeyes have a .308 average, while six players who have started at least six games are hitting above the .300 mark.

Today and Saturday's games will begin at 3 p.m., while Sunday's series finale will start at 1 p.m.

## WOMEN'S TENNIS

## K-State returns to Little Apple

By KIERSTEN SCHORGL  
THE COLLECIAN

This Saturday, K-State Women's Tennis will be returning to the Little Apple to host Wichita State in hopes of recovering after a four-match losing streak on the road.

The Wildcats are 4-0 at home for the season, with an overall record of 5-5. K-State is also 10-9 against Wichita State in home games, and look to increase their record, especially having the only ITA ranked player in the matches this weekend, Senior Petra Niedermayerova.

Ranked No. 82 in the ITA singles rankings, Niedermayerova has been the Wildcats leading player this season. Niedermayerova has only lost one singles match this season, making her overall season record 7-1, and career singles wins 96-38.

The location for the match is still in the air. The location will be decided upon the weather on the morning of the match. The match will either take place outside at the Kansas State University Mike Goss Tennis Stadium, or indoors at the Body First Tennis and Fitness Center. Despite undecided locations, the matches will still begin promptly at noon.



JED BARKER | THE COLLECIAN

Senior **Rachel Webster**, riding her horse **Spot**, competes in Equitation Over Fences against Texas A&M at Timbercreek Stables in Manhattan, Kansas on Oct. 5, 2013. Rachel bested her Texas A&M counterpart by three points.

## EQUESTRIAN

## No. 6 Wildcats to take on No. 9 Horned Frogs for senior day

By JOHN ZETMEIR  
THE COLLECIAN

On Saturday, the No. 6 K-State Wildcats will send out 21 seniors as they play host to the No. 9 TCU Horned Frogs. The Wildcats are coming off of a big victory of Baylor last weekend.

Rachel Webster and Kelly Bovaird highlight the long list of seniors that will be honored on Saturday. Webster will be in the Hunter Seat lineup along with fellow senior Cat Avolese. These two put in a strong performance last weekend, helping propel the Wildcats past the Bears. Bovaird will head the group competing in Horsemanship.

"It is bittersweet to be facing our last home and last regular season meet of the year, but we are hoping to clinch an undefeated home record this Saturday," head coach Casie Maxwell said, according to K-State Sports. "We will also be honoring 21 amazing seniors who have heavily impacted our program and helped us to be so successful."

This will be the last time the Wildcats compete until the Big 12 championships which take place at the end of March. Competition is set to start at 9 a.m. from Timbercreek Stables.

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# Fake Patty's Day

## Having 'fake time' can lead to doing real time

BY JON PARTON  
THE COLLEGIAN

When thousands of people devote a day to drinking, odds are someone, or many people, will get out of line. The following crimes are closely related to Fake Patty's Day and each has consequences for breaking the law. All of this information was taken from "Things to Know Before Fake Patty's Day," which was prepared by the City of Manhattan and the Riley County Police Department.

### Open container

It is illegal to carry open bottles, cans or kegs on public property. This includes sidewalks, parking lots and anywhere in the street. Fines for this can cost between \$50 and \$200, and violators can face up to six months in jail and \$89 in court costs.

### Minor possessing alcohol

If a person is under the age of 21 and is caught drinking, they can be subject to a fine between \$200 and \$500, up to one month in jail, \$146 in court costs and suspension of their driver's license.

### Being drunk in public, intoxicated pedestrian in the street

While Kansas does not make it a criminal offense to be drunk in public, it

is illegal to walk in the street if the person is deemed hazardous. For a first-time offense, it can carry a fine of up to \$500, \$89 in court fees and up to a month in jail.

### Fake IDs or lending an ID to a minor

A minor using a fake ID will pay a fine of up to \$1,000 and could spend up to six months in jail. Using someone else's ID is even worse. The fine for it is up to \$2,500 and up to a year in jail. Lending an ID to a minor can lead to a fine between \$200 and \$500 and 100 hours of community service for a first conviction.

### Furnishing alcohol to minors

Buying, selling or giving any type of alcohol to anyone who is under the age of 21 could cost anywhere from \$200 to \$500 in fines and up to six months in jail.

### Hosting underage drinking

If a house party hosts underage drinkers, the owner/renter of the place could pay a fine of \$1,000 up to \$2,500, \$146 in court costs and spend up to a year in jail.

### Miscellaneous offenses

Certain offenses such as disorderly conduct or fighting, public nudity, littering, noise violations and urinating in public are all punishable by fines of up to \$500 and the possibility of up to six months in jail.



ILLUSTRATION BY KATELIN INGRIM

## Fake Patty's Day drinking guide: find times, deals, rules for Aggieville celebrations

BY LOGAN FALLETTI  
THE COLLEGIAN

Some students may be looking to "get there green on" as cheaply and efficiently as they can on Saturday, when Manhattan observes the annual unofficial holiday of Fake Patty's Day.

Many Aggieville bars will have different drink specials, and will operate on a wristband system for the fake holiday. These wristbands, usually taking the form of silicone bracelets, act as a cover for many bars. The prepaid admission permits re-entry later in the day and special parties in the morning at some bars.

Wristbands are offered early and in limited quantities, so buying them as early as possible will guarantee the lowest prices and wait times. For the best deal, check out some of the partnerships the bars have formed. Prices and V.I.P. levels vary throughout Aggieville, so be sure to compare the specials in the list below.

Some bars are doing away with the wristband admission system entirely, like Kathouse and Aggie Central Station in favor of waiving a cover charge. Some bars choose to stick to their normal operations, offering minimal specials and a laid-back atmosphere against the rush and revelry happening outside. So Long Saloon is one of these places, closing early at 9 p.m.

The following can help students navigate Aggieville celebrations on Saturday.

### 2014 Drink Specials:

**Aggie Lounge:**  
Green beers

**Aggie Central Station (no cover):**  
\$3 Neon Leprechaun shots  
\$3.50 LWP's and GWP's (Go to Aggie Central to find out what the acronym means – it's not suitable for print)  
\$5 green aluminum bottles  
\$6 25 oz. "big beers"

**Eighteen63:**  
\$5 general admission band  
\$10 VIP access band  
\$1 Fireball shots

**Buffalo Wild Wings:**  
\$3.50 Coors Light draws  
\$6 Guinness  
\$3.75 Luck of the Irish lager  
\$5.25 Black and Green  
\$7 Sour Irishman

**Dirty Dawg's Saloon:**  
\$2.50 pounders

**Fat's Bar and Grill:**  
32 oz. fishbowls  
Ice-A-Rita:

**Fuzzy's Taco Shop (no cover):**  
\$4 Fuzzy's Black and Tan, Guinness and Pacifico  
\$3 Corona Light drafts  
Giveaways throughout the day

**Johnny Kaw's, Shot Stop and Bomb Bar:**  
Free sunglasses for the first 4,000 people  
\$5 general admission band (increases to \$10 at the door)  
\$10 band gets entrance to pre-party from 9-11 a.m.  
\$1 green beers  
Discounted shots, bombs and drinks  
\$20 band gets all of the above plus line jumping

**Kathouse Lounge (no cover):**  
\$5 Irish Car Bombs

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# Fake Patty's Day

## Manhattan police, fire officials on high alert for Fake Patty's Day lawbreakers

By JON PARTON  
THE COLLEGIAN

The streets will be flooded with green on Fake Patty's Day, but people will also be seeing a lot of blue. The Riley County Police Department will have a strong presence in Aggieville on Saturday, making sure the day's events go as smoothly as possible.

A vast majority of officers will be working that day, said Matt Droge, public information officer with the RCPD.

"Obviously, we realize this attracts a lot of people," Droge said. "This is an event that is heavily planned for."

In addition to its own officers, RCPD will be drawing upon other nearby law enforcement agencies for help during the event. Officers from Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office, Emporia Police Department, Lyon County Sheriff's Office, Junction City Police Department, Hays Police Department and the Kansas Highway Patrol will all be working alongside the RCPD for Fake Patty's Day, according to Droge.

"Our own officers will be working overlapping shifts to make sure there are enough police on the streets to keep everyone safe," Droge said. "It wouldn't be uncommon to work a 12 to 14 hour shift. With an event such as this, it would be irresponsible not to devote the necessary resources."

The celebration, now in its seventh year, has led to a greater number of arrests and citations in part due to an ever increasing police presence. The number of citations issued have decreased since a high established in 2011. However, the number of arrests continue to climb every year.

Police arrested 115 people at this event in 2013, an approximate six percent increase from 2012 when 107 arrests were made. The 2013 arrests were the most made in the history of the event. Disorderly conduct was the offense most arrested for last year.

However, the number of citizen-generated service calls made to police have been declining since 2011 when 766 calls were registered. In 2013, that number dropped to 279. Droge attributed the drop to better planning from RCPD and an increase of their presence.

"You're definitely going to see us down there [in and around Aggieville]," Droge said. "We're going to have lots of officers on foot patrol. We'll have officers on bikes, as well as our normal patrols."

The most common citation given is for having open alcoholic beverage containers in public.



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A Fake Patty's Day reveler dances in front of law enforcement officers on Saturday, March 9, 2013 in Aggieville.

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## Students across Manhattan both appreciate, detest student-created holiday



PATRICK WHITE  
THE COLLEGIAN

Fake Patty's Day is easily Manhattan's favorite fake holiday. On the outside, it looks like it is an excuse for wild parties and excessive drinking. But there is something most don't consider when they are hanging out with friends, going down to the bars or hiding out in their secret underground bunker waiting for the party to end.

The week before spring break is usually one of the worst

of the semester, and it is by design.

In the fall semesters, Thanksgiving break is usually three weeks before the term ends. By that time, many midterms have already been taken and Thanksgiving break is just a week off. In the spring semester, spring break is right in the middle of the semester, meaning students have done just enough coursework to be tested on.

Some students say that wrapping up a chapter of their schooling before break is better than having a massive review when they come back. Let's face it, very few students actually do their homework over break.

The bottom line: Fake Patty's Day gets mixed reviews. But a holiday before the onslaught of midterms is generally well received.

According to Hale Library

Help Desk statistics for questions asked during March 2013, the build up to spring break begins in February. While the service averages 475 questions in a normal week, the two weeks before break had 530 students using Library Help. It dropped to 457 the week before spring break, maintaining a high turnout early in the week and a lower turnout on Thursday and Friday.

Many tests are the week before break, so many students would be studying the week before their exams, rather than the days and nights before them. Once done with classes before spring break, some leave early, meaning fewer students are in Manhattan or on campus to utilize library services.

But even with exams often the week before spring break, many students from all over the

state and even country indulge in the Fake Patty's Day festivities.

Jonathan Butler, sophomore in journalism and mass communications, is one of many students who looks forward to Fake Patty's Day.

"Everyone is friends on

Fake Patty's Day," Butler said.

"I understand people who are against drinking like that. I just like having one day where I can relax and have fun."

Drinking, however, isn't the only concern for those who aren't so fond of the holiday.



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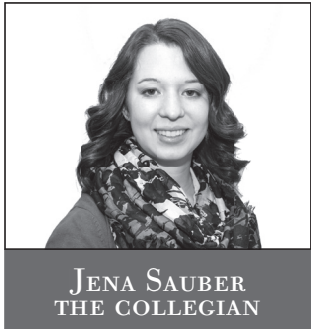
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JENA SAUBER  
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Over the decades, people have protested a myriad of social injustices with their voices and physical presence. When women were fighting for the right to vote, they did it publicly and in person. They held marches, rallies and speeches. When African Americans were fighting for civil rights, they didn't do it from inside their homes. They were out, fighting for what they believed in.

But we are beginning to lose that type of remonstrance. As the Internet continues to become more powerful and more popular, society is changing with it. While many of these changes are obvious (who has sent a letter through the "snail mail" recently?), some of the changes are almost imperceptible.

One of those changes is how we react, as a society, to things we find "wrong." Where people used to gather by the hundreds or thousands to express their opinions about civil rights, war, religion and more, people now first flock to their computer keyboards. People "tweet" about things that irk them. They share them electronically through news sites and social media, adding their own opinions and ideas to the argument all from behind their keyboard.

Is that right or wrong? Or just a sign of our times?

The emersion of social media and its role in working toward social change is an interesting conundrum. The Internet allows people to communicate with a far vaster audience, and share ideas across geographical, religious, political or other boundaries. It facilitates conversations with people who would have never had contact before.

Social media is arguably faster than the physical alternative. When Coca-Cola aired their controversial commercial during the Superbowl, Twitter lit up within seconds with a running dialogue

of what America thought of it. The ability to share ideas and opinions through social media aggregated the conversation much faster than a physical, in-person discussion.

But social media is almost much easier to ignore; there is nothing physical about it. If you get off the Internet, it's gone. When being heard is the main objective, putting the information on an easily ignored medium isn't reaching the full potential of the message.

Social media is also abbreviated, which means it doesn't naturally allow for in-depth and serious discussions on social issues. When scrolling through photos from last weekend and posts about the trials of 8:30 a.m. college algebra, a link to a dialogue on a serious social issue doesn't hold a lot of weight.

When people are physically present behind their beliefs, it's noticeable. Occasionally, visiting groups will take over Bosco Student Plaza in front of the K-State Student Union and share their beliefs and ideas with anyone who walks by. While I do not typically agree with their message, I am more inclined to agree with the tactic. Being physically present and invested in your arguments and beliefs means something. It's important.

People do still sometimes physically gather behind what they are fighting for and that's great, but it's slowly slipping away. Social media has many advantages, especially when used to move toward social change; it can share information and ideas quickly with a wide audience. However, its lack of permanence and inability to delve deeply into ideas prevents it from being the end-all be-all for accomplishing lasting, real-world change. It should be an element of moving for social change, but not the only vehicle.

We can't forget the power of our presence, and should stand up (literally) to fight for the change we want to see.

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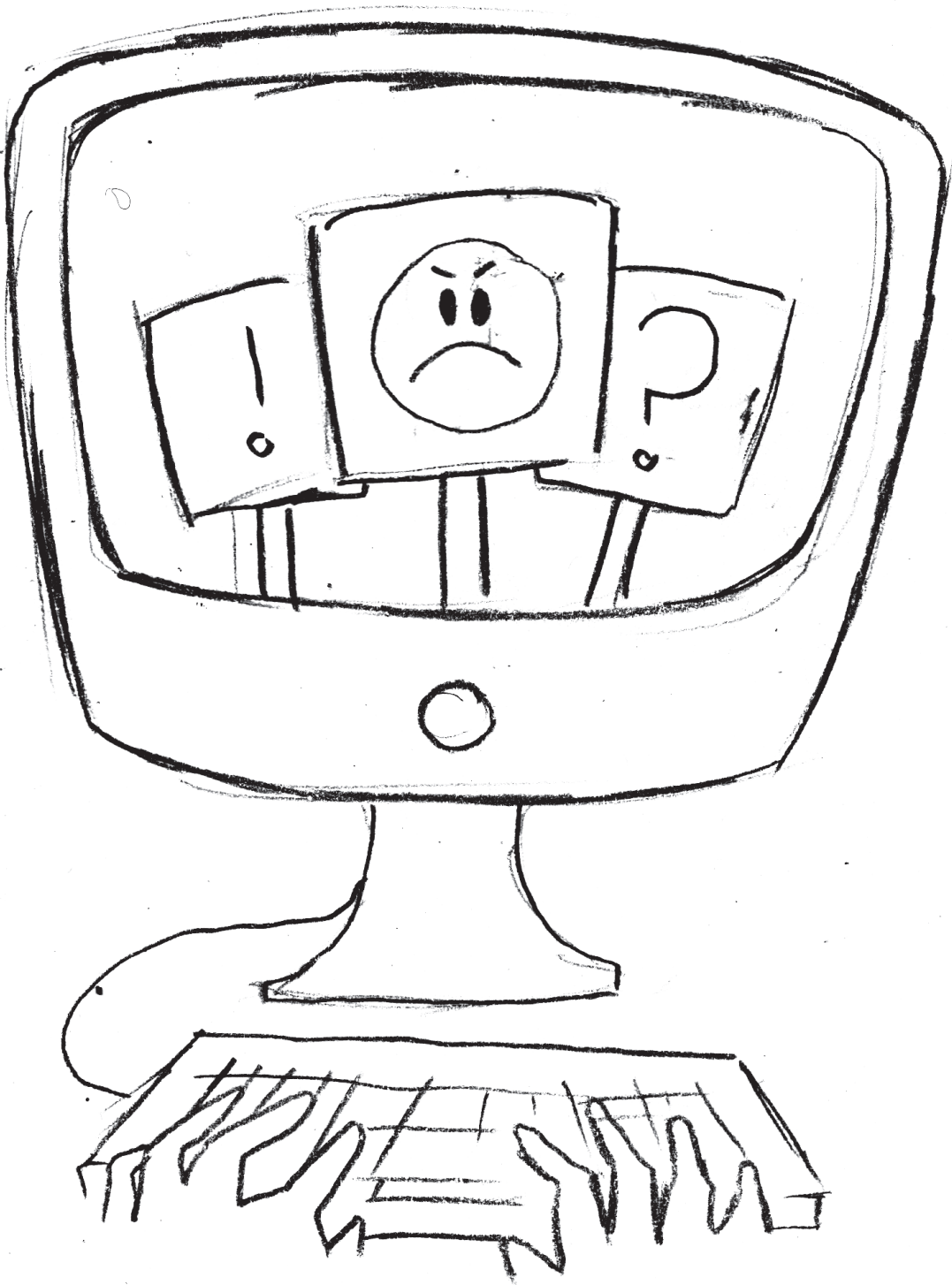


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To The Point

Ed board staff talks Fake Patty's Day

The annual Fake Patty's Day celebration in Manhattan has pluses, minuses and a lot of booze. The fake holiday attracts large crowds to local businesses, but also generates the highest drinking-related crime rates in one weekend than any other time of year. The key to discovering the pot of gold on Fake Patty's Day is finding moderation between a good time and jail time.

The foremost benefit of such a popular holiday is the economic boost it generates for local bars, hotels, gas stations and restaurants. Fake Patty's Day brings K-State students, Manhattan residents and others from out of town together in one place, Aggieville. A crowd this big creates a very successful day for Manhattan business owners.

The key to maintaining overall success during the holiday is moderating alcohol consumption. Last year, there were 115 arrests and 225 open container citations issued over the 2013 Fake Patty's Day weekend. This is simply a result of negligence to moderation and smart behavior.

This holiday has evolved into an excuse to binge drink, to the point of harming personal safety. It is important to maintain good judgment on the amount of alcohol you consume during

the day, while staying aware of your friends and those around you at the same time. Being self-aware doesn't mean you have to sacrifice a good time. At the same time, getting an M.I.P. or handcuffed can easily ruin the day.

We at The Collegian feel that a person can have a good time celebrating while keeping things classy at the same time. During a February SGA meeting, city commissioner Rick Jankovich said in regards to Fake Patty's Day, "Be careful, use good judgment and if you see someone that needs help getting home, do what you can to get them there. Other than that, enjoy."

At the same meeting, Jankovich announced that Manhattan has not changed anything, in the way of law enforcement, from last year's holiday. This is not an excuse, however to, as Lil Jon might put it, "Get outta your mind."

The Collegian's consensus is to be safe and have fun. Fake Patty's Day brings healthy revenue for local business and is an anticipated holiday for Manhattan residents, but the celebration should only continue if participants keep a balance between good fun and danger. May the luck of the Irish be with you all.

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Street Talk

Q: "Will you change out of your Fake Patty's Day green for the K-State vs. Baylor game on Saturday?"



TONY DeNECRI  
JUNIOR,  
CONSTRUCTION SCIENCE

"I might not change out of it but I will put some purple on over it."



SPENCER PELLANT  
SENIOR,  
FINE ARTS, PAINTING

"No, I'm not participating in Fake Patty's because I'm working. Why would they schedule a Baylor game on Fake Patty's?"



CASSIE HAMPEL  
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"No way, I don't wanna get pinched."



TJ PATTERSON  
FRESHMAN,  
BIOLOGY

"I plan on wearing purple all day actually, because I'm the biggest 'Cats fan."



DEDE O'TOOLE  
FRESHMAN,  
BIOLOGY

"Baylor sucks, so I'm gonna deck out my purple!"

## BILL | Decision scheduled to be made Monday by House, change could increase premiums

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“My son spent two years in a state facility in Kansas City,” Richt said. “So finally, he’s back home, we’re getting the help we need, and now they want to cut it. If he loses that therapy and that support, he won’t be able to stay at home any longer.”

HB 2531, co-sponsored by 35 representatives, would grant coverage of 2,080 hours of treatment a year and would apply to large-group, small-group and individual insurance plans grandfathered in after the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, commonly known as the Affordable Care Act or “Obamacare.”

Provisions in the PPACA require states to pay for additional costs if something is added to state-regulated insurance plans after it was enacted, according to a story by the Kansas Health Institute.

Mary Beth Chambers, manager of corporate communications for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas, said HB 2531 would increase premiums for all policyholders because of what is in the bill.

“The fact that the bill has no annual dollar limits is a big concern for the insurance industry,” Chambers said. “As the costs go up, the premiums would go up and that would affect everyone.”

Chambers said insurance companies are working closely with legislators to come up with a resolution.

“Some of the elements are already in place,” Chambers said. “We just hope to resolve it in a manner that’s financially sound.”

H.B. 2531 would only marginally raise the price of premiums, according to Richt.

“The second year cost of this benefit, as reported by the (Kansas State Employees Health Care Commission) was 26 cents per month per member,” Richt said.

The CDC reported an increase in the number of children diagnosed with some form of autism, from 6.7 cases per 1,000 children in 2000 to 11.3 cases per 1,000 children in 2008. As the numbers rise, schools are expected to pay more to accommodate their needs, according to a report by the Harvard School of Public Health.

Helen Miller, autism coordinator for Manhattan-Ogden school district USD 383, said the district currently has about 150 students diagnosed with some form of autism.

“Every student has different needs, whether they fall into the autism spectrum or not,” Miller said. “We provide comprehensive educational support.”

That support includes resource teachers, added space in schools, after-school programs and assistance for preschool-age children. More than \$10 million was spent across the district on special education during the 2012-2013 school year.

“Our students absolutely need these programs,” Miller said. “If we don’t do the services that kids need, they’re going to fall behind and that’s going to cost everyone.”

Richt said she was told a hearing on the issue will be held in the House on March 10.

“One of the two bills will be going to hearing,” Richt said. “We do not know which bill. It may truly depend on how many people call-in, are aware and voice their concerns or opinions. But we don’t know.”

## HP | Event brings together fans for final time, deemed ‘good time for it to happen’

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The event will also include a book drive and T-shirt sale, and is sponsored by the HPA; the Children’s and Adolescent Literature Community; Student Governing Association; English department; Union Program Council; LGBT Resource Center; and the Manhattan Music Coalition. ChALC and HPA may still sponsor smaller wizard rock shows in the area, but this will be the last year where all seven or more bands will appear together at this particular event.

“The idea developed seven years ago when I attended a fan and academic conference on Harry Potter and heard several of the bands perform,” said Karin Westman, faculty advisor for ChALC and HPA, and the department head of English. “When they heard about the performances, students in ChALC wanted to bring some of the bands here for a benefit concert. My favorite part is the opportunity to

see fans of Harry Potter and wizard rock celebrate a key aspect of Rowling’s books: the importance of helping others in your community.”

Anne Sisley, senior in English and Spanish, has been attending Hallows and Horcuxes since she was in high school.

“I grew up in Manhattan, so I’ve been all six years,” Sisley said. “I’ve become friends with lots of the band members because we see each other once a year ... I’m sad this is the last year, but I think it’s a good time for it to happen. It’s been a long time since the books and movies ended but it’s cool we’re all still meeting and hanging out together.”

The Hallows and Horcuxes Ball is free for students and \$12 for the public, and will broadcast via new.livestream.com, a website that streams live events. The link will be posted on the event’s Facebook page and is appropriate for all ages of literary enthusiasts.

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# Continuing to date during relationship beneficial

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Whether it is planning dates on a budget or finding time for a date, the act of dating while in college can be stressful. But some students who are in relationships say they think it's important to set aside time to continue "dating" their significant other.

Lizzi Petite, senior in human resource management, has been with her boyfriend for five years. Even though they've been together for years, she said it is important to go on dates. After being with someone for more than a few years, it is easy to get in a rut, she said.

"We like planning something and getting dressed up just to remember what it was like when we very first started dating," Petite said.

Susan Iverson, senior in communication studies, said it's important to continue to have one-on-one time with your significant other, without distractions.

"We don't have any TV on," Susan Iverson said. "We involve in conversation and focus on each other's needs."

A date doesn't have to be extravagant, formal or out of the ordinary. Common dates for students who are in relationships could be something as simple as going to dinner, a movie or bowling.

"We've done everything from going to the pumpkin patch to seeing a movie to making our own dinner," Evan McMican, senior in marketing, said.

McMican said he and his girlfriend have a list of everything they want to do together. He said it is beneficial for them to be able to check things off their list and to experience life together, rather than as individuals.

When it comes to planning a date, budget is something students may take into account.

"It's kind of hard in college, because we are both poor college students," Mackenzie Hampton, junior in elementary education,

said of her and her boyfriend. "We try to be considerate of the other person and switch off paying." Susan Iverson said she agrees

still spend time together."

There are plenty of inexpensive dates students can experience around Manhattan. Some of these

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LIZZI PETITE

SENIOR IN HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

that spending a lot of money on a date isn't always an option. Dating is more about spending time together than spending money, she said.

"We can't always afford to go to dinner and a movie," Susan Iverson said. "Sometimes we rent a Redbox and make dinner, but we

activities could include spending an afternoon at Manhattan Hill, hiking at the Konza Prairie, fishing at Tuttle Creek or watching a show at McCain Auditorium.

"We've done a picnic where we made sandwiches at home and brought it to the park," Petite said. "It was a budget-friendly date, but

just as meaningful as spending \$40 at the movies."

So is there a difference between dating before you are in a relationship and dating while in a relationship? Richard Iverson, senior in architectural engineering, has been in a relationship with his girlfriend for the past four years. Richard said the dynamics of dating changes between exclusive dating when you are perusing a relationship, and simply going on dates once you've entered a relationship.

"It's not so cliché, anymore," Richard Iverson said.

In recent years, however, the dating game has changed. There isn't a set criteria for what constitutes a "perfect" date. It's now more about what works best for you and your partner; whether that is what you do, how much you spend or who makes the arrangements.

Petite said she believes planning dates doesn't have to fall on just one person or the other.

"I've planned dates before, and I think it's awesome in the 21st century that that's okay," Petite said. "I don't want it to always fall on the guy."

Some say it is equally important and beneficial to continue "dating" while in a relationship.

"It changes things up so you're not doing the same things all the time," Richard Iverson said. "It's also a way to reduce stress, because when you're spending time with your significant other, you don't have as many worries."

Petite said she recommends continuing to "date" even while in a relationship. She said it continues to keep things fresh and fun.

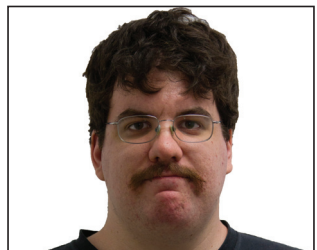
"Dating just keeps things fun, whether you're together two months or 20 years," Petite said.



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**Evan McMican**, senior in marketing, with his girlfriend, **Kaidyn Goddard**, junior in marketing, have a cup of coffee at Radina's in the Leadership Studies Building. Students believe that still going to dates and setting time aside for a significant other is important, even after dating for a long time.

## Gaming exclusives annoy rather than entice; are often unfair, unattainable



PATRICK WHITE  
THE COLLEGIAN

In the past, gamers' experiences with event exclusives have been like the last slot in the Pokédex – it is a spot they can never fill. "Pokémon" and other game franchises have giveaways, along with the games, as added bonuses.

It used to be that the giveaway would happen after the game had been out for multiple months. Now, the trend

is enticing players to be early buyers. The Internet has allowed players to just download the exclusives with a promotion code, allowing players to receive bonuses that make the game easier.

Some question whether or not it is actually good for the game to offer bonuses that make game play easier. In this day and age, even if it is a game-launch giveaway, there is an issue of it spreading all over the Internet. Additional problems with game giveaways are that it doesn't work, it's unfair and it makes the game too easy.

Though there are not many examples of giveaways not working, the same cannot be said for add-ons – a big concern of gamers.

Clyde Dopheide, sophomore in computer science, said he has a skeptical view of event

exclusives.

"I'm fine with them as long as they are cosmetic and don't affect other players by being given an unfair advantage," Dopheide said. "Say it's a multi-player game. People who show up for the new 'Battlefield' get an item or weapon that skews the game in their favor. There is no way for the other players to get that game breaking bonus."

Jacob Case, sophomore in computer science, said he agreed with Dopheide, adding that add-ons are not for him and not the way these add-ons should go.

"It's good for developers to try new things," Case said. "I'm just not that big on cosmetic features. Along with that, I don't mind things that show off how good of a player you are. If you have a piece of equipment that is a boss trophy, you had to

beat that boss to get it. You've earned that. That's how I play, but that is my personal style. I still think companies should try thing to help themselves and make games fun."

Game Hounds co-owner Rusty Schroll said though such giveaways have draw backs, the concept wouldn't work if they didn't have draw backs.

"These giveaways are tools to drive customers to stores," Schroll said. "It's unfortunate that some of these events are regional to the United States or to Japan or just from certain stores. But, there are a lot of things to consider along with those promotions."

One of those is proximity. Proximity can effect when or where a promotion, add-on or bonus is given out, which is something people may not consider in the information age

of the Internet.

"Nintendo is a Japanese company, so when they have Japan-exclusive giveaways, it is because they have to consider their domestic market," Schroll said. "It's the same for Activision over here in the U.S. Different retailers are going to do different things to bring in customers. If everyone had the same giveaway, customers would go just to the closest retailer. There would be no differentiation. What every store wants is for customers to come to their store and their store only."

Pokémon actually has a way of dealing with these region locked exclusive giveaways.

"In 'Pokémon,' they have the trading system," Dopheide said. "In that sense, you can barter for Pokémon you want but couldn't get being outside of

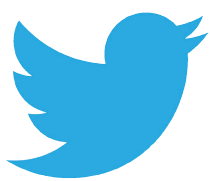
those giveaways."

In a perfect Hollywood twist, it is a commonly held house rule that legendary Pokémon are not to be used in battles, whether that is between friends or in official tournaments. If these giveaways were more widespread, that may not have to be a rule.

But in the meantime, there is still the trading system for your favorites in that game.

So, when considering game exclusives, there are both benefits and hindrances to them – as with many other things. What you should consider is whether or not the event exclusive is worth it or not and, if it is, how you would get it.

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